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Edgewood CB Center Helps Federal Employees Prepare for Terrorist Threat

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Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. – In partnership with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) is offering seminars for federal executives addressing the unique management issues involved in response to a terrorist attack with chemical or biological weapons of mass destruction.

After the terrorist attacks of September 2001, many officials identified a knowledge gap where attacks involving chemical and biological agents were concerned. Supported by ECBC's Homeland Defense Business Unit, the seminar serves as an introduction to chemical and biological agents and their implications, including signs and symptoms, appropriate response and the responsibilities of executive- and management-level personnel. It also covers newly pertinent issues of building management, consequence management, infrastructure return-to-use, legal issues, health care and personnel management following an incident.

The one-day seminar includes classroom sessions and tabletop exercises. It is designed specifically for executives and managers who have little or no background in chemical and biological agent issues.

ECBC is patterning its instruction after the successful and established Senior Officials Workshop course, as utilized in the Domestic Preparedness Program of 1996 to 2000. In that effort, ECBC conducted workshops, training and exercises to educate first responders and city officials in more than 100 cities across the United States about appropriate and effective response to incidents involving chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction. The Senior Officials Workshop provided information for local government and response officials on practical approaches to response coordination and actions.

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